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VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL  
GROWTH FACTOR (VEGF)      **Dated:** April 13, 2006

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed October 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit this response for entry in the above-referenced case.

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